appropriate action against those responsible and to replenish the diverted quantities by their own production in order to use them for the purpose they were originally meant for.

Purchase of Aircraft by IISCO

2184. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IISCO is passing through financial crisis and facing liquidity problems;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that despite the financial constraints the IISCO propose to purchase yet another Aircraft;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government on this wasteful expenditure proposed by the company; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of aircrafts and additional expenditure such as salary by the pilots etc. likely to be incurred on this account by the IISCO?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. IISCO's proposal for purchase of a new aircraft has not been agreed to by Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Housing Loans for States

2185. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise figures of housing loans so far disbursed by the HUDCO for implementation of various urban and rural housing schemes including the schemes for landless labours;

(b) what are the details of demands for urban and rural housing schemes raised by various State Governments during the last three years;

(c) by when the HUDCO or any other Government agency is likely to meet these demands; and

(d) by when the housing bank is likely to start its functioning; and at what stage the proposal stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The State-wise details of loan disbursed by HUDCO during last 3 years for various types of Urban and Rural schemes including the schemes for landless labour are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) Housing is a State subject and housing schemes are im-plemented by State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations keeping in view their needs and plan priorities. At the beginning of every financial year, HUDCO allocates specific amount of loan to be sanctioned for each State/Union Territory, based On its area popula- tion etc. and HUDCO's total loan sanction target for the year. HUDCO's loan sanction target for the current year is Rs. 355 crores for conventional projects. The loan sanction target is increasing by around 20 per cent every year. The State-wise loan sanctions by HUDCO for schemes in Urban and Rural areas during the last three years are indicated in Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 98].

(d) The Bill regarding setting up of a National Housing Bank was passed by the Lok Sabha on 23.11.87 j and is now awaiting consideration by the Rajya Sabha. The Bank will be set up after the Bill is passed by both the Houses of Parliament and the Act is thereafter brought into force.